

**Episode 6 – The Spell (Conclusion)****Scene 12**

*Morning of the eighth day. Place: Zintauran Air Force Headquarters.*

EORIK.

Queen Ravenna had told me someday I would see the Zintauran Mountains. Had she foreseen this last segment of our journey? We started our winding ascent two hours before dawn, figuring to arrive before Cete's planes which had to cross the entire country. Joe was a full seven days from his last whiff of false bliss blossom and was strong. Up, across, and down the mountains again! It was Kaytaiya who seemed to be weakening.

JOE.

Zintauran Air Force Headquarters! End of the line! Please check underneath your seats for personal belongings.

KAYTAIYA.

Oh, Joe, you got us here!

JOE.

And you stayed with me. I'll be getting some rest now. If you need me, wake me up.

KAYTAIYA.

Rest easy, Joe, and thank you. Ohhh....

FRECKLES.

You look faint. You're falling, here, I've got you.

KAYTAIYA.

You caught me.

FRECKLES.

What's wrong? Something's happened to you. What is it?

KAYTAIYA.

I think it's what happens to all of us, some day. We...pass on. Oh Freckles, when I close my eyes, I can see the Rainbow Bridge.

FRECKLES.

The Rainbow Bridge? How can that be? It's way too soon for that!

KAYTAIYA.

I cannot say all, I am sworn. There has been magic at play. For me it is played out. You must hurry now!

FRECKLES.

I won't leave you!

KAYTAIYA.

You must. Go save our world. It is up to you, I can do no more. Freckles, someday when you cross the Rainbow Bridge, look for me. If you cannot find me as a cat, then look for another animal with my coloring. A fox maybe, or an otter... even a dog.

FRECKLES.

Her thoughts are muddled. Oh, my friend. I wanted to never leave you. I will find you no matter what.

KAYTAIYA.

That is sweet to hear. I feel the same way about you. Freckles, remember the things I have said. And my name, someday when you can, say it... shout it out! Wherever I am, I will hear you. I will hear you.

EORIK.

I helped Kaytaiya off to a nearby hut where she could lie down. Over my shoulder, I saw Freckles rolling the Little Plane to where the Big Planes waited.

PLANE #2.

Welcome! Ravenna is in the Power Chamber summoning a storm to delay Cete's planes. There is not much time. Hook up these cables!

FRECKLES.

Got 'em. That one there, that one there, done, done, Ok, done. Little Plane, start your engine.

{Little Plane's engine starts but the Big Planes' engines do not start. }

Nothing's happening! Your engines aren't starting!

PLANE #2.

The charge is locked by magic. You need to say an identifying word for it to jump across.

FRECKLES.

What is the word?

PLANE #2.

It is asking for your dog's name.

FRECKLES.

But I am a dog!

PLANE #2.

It's King Visalius' plane, so that means the king's dog.

FRECKLES.

His dog? No one's ever said anything about him having a dog! Think Freckles, think!

LITTLE PLANE.

There was a puppy! I saw it!

FRECKLES.

What did it look like?

LITTLE PLANE.

Floppy ears. Fluffy coat. Some brown, some gray, some orange. [*Had not thought about it until just now.*] Like Kaytaiya's!

FRECKLES.

"Good thing I'm not a girl dog then." ... "If you cannot find me as a cat, look for some other animal....even a dog" ... "there has been magic at play." Of course, that's it. She's not a cat at all. Oh! I have to say her name. [*Huge effort but cannot say it.*]

{Music announcing Cete}

PLANE #2.

Look. It's Cete! It's Cete!

FRECKLES.

That is him? That is the master who threw me in the river!

CETE.

Well look who's here. From my guard dogs' description, I put two and two together. Or should I say, one and two together. I was impressed to hear you survived. But it looks like you're as useless now as you were then.

FRECKLES.

[*Roused by fury to renewed effort.*] K-a-y. Kayak. T-a-i. Tail! Y-a. Told ya. Kayak, Tail, Ya. Kayaktailya. Kaytaiya. Kaytaiya. KAYTAIYA!

{Big Planes' engines start up and run a short while, but then stop again}

FRECKLES

They've stopped again. What's happened?

CETE.

What's happened is, I've just extended the full strength of my spell into all of Zintaurus. Everything is shutting down. I let you come this far so you could think you won again. Just so I could watch you lose. I win, you lose. Soon my planes will be here. Nothing will be left standing. No Rock of Truth. And no Truth Upholder. I only wish my brother were here to see.

LITTLE PLANE.

Freckles, look, something is getting out of Joe's last car.

FRECKLES.

What is that? A man? Cloaked. Coming this way.

GHOST OF VISALIUS

I am the ghost of King Visalius. I walk the land, unable to rest because of the evil you do from my throne.

CETE.

My brother's spirit! It is strange. But I have summoned him! Poor ghost. Just accept it. Get used to it. You are a ghost, I am the King. We all need our rest. Go get some.

GHOST OF VISALIUS.

Sitting on a throne and doing terrible things does not make you a king. It just makes you a terrible person sitting on a throne.

CETE.

Oh, you don't know the half of it. I could tell you more, brother.

GHOST OF VISALIUS.

What, more? Tell it then.

CETE.

Did you ever wonder why I was nearby the scene of the accident? Because I caused it. I overrode your controls with my own. Well, I couldn't leave the child to succeed you someday. And people would believe that in your grief you took your own life. My first of many lies to the nation.

GHOST OF VISALIUS.

And you admit that openly?

CETE.

All who have heard will soon be destroyed.

GHOST OF VISALIUS.

Oh, fear me Cete!

CETE.

I fear no ghost. You can have no effect in this world. You can raise no weapon against me. See that candle? You could not even raise that candle.

GHOST OF VISALIUS.

Oh, but I can. And I will light it. Like this. {match striking} I'll shine a light on you. I am not the ghost of King Visalius. I am King Visalius himself.

CETE.

What is this? Doesn't anyone I throw in the water stay in the water?

VISALIUS.

When my child was lost, I went mad. But the mad may sometimes have uncommon strength. You threw me from the cliff, but I did not die. I made my way to the wilderness, still in madness, and I wandered there. The whistle of the train that first brought me Ravenna has restored me.

CETE.

Fine then. This time you can die in your right mind.

VISALIUS.

I do not think so. I am a builder. I see what will hold together, and what will not. This spell of yours is now stretched too far. Look there, it is coming apart. And there. And there! It is about to tear in a hundred, then a thousand, then ten thousand places. Listen to that sound. It is tearing everywhere from Zintaurus all the way to the capitol.

{ Gargantuan sound of fabric of spell tearing }

Now it is nothing but tatters. Your planes are landing. Your power is gone.

{ Knock at Cete's door }

BOWSER.

Cete! In the name the true crown, you are under arrest, for treason.... and the death of the king's son.

{ Struggle, sound of handcuffs closing }

CETE.

You are going to pay for this!

WOWSER.

Actually, until King Visalius returns, we're still on your payroll. So you are going to pay for this!

CETE. [*Spits at them.* ]

BOWSER.

Tsk tsk. Bad king.

WOWSER.

No supper!

{Sound of Cete being marched off, door closes. }

RAVENNA.

[*Rushing in out of breath.* ] My king!

VISALIUS.

My queen! You are here!

RAVENNA.

And you are here! Visalius! I never felt you were dead. But being mad, your thoughts scattered, you not knowing who you were.... I could not locate you. Just now I waited in the wings while you extracted that confession. At last, we can be at peace with our son.

VISALIUS.

And that was the plan, to trick Cete into extending his spell beyond its limit?

RAVENNA.

He could not pass up the opportunity to crush this brave dog's spirit. His enormous cruelty has undone him.

FRECKLES.

I know you! I remember now! It was you who pulled me from the river!

RAVENNA.

I knew what Cete would do. I followed him that night from the opposite shore. It was your strength that brought you close enough for me to save you. Now your strength has saved Zintaurus. We are most grateful.

FRECKLES.

I only wish I could have saved her.

RAVENNA

Kaytaiya? But did you not say her name like it was the most important thing in the world? Yes, you did. You shouted it, as I remember. Look there! See!

EORIK.

Her ears flopping, tail wagging, Kaytaiya, a dog again, moved forward as if pulled by an invisible rope. I stayed behind. Straight and steady was her progress towards King Visalius. No one moved, no one spoke, no one could deny her this moment. When she stood before the king, eyes shining, she curtsied and knelt at his feet.

VISALIUS.

Kaytaiya. Some dogs fetch their master's slippers, and we say to them "good dog." You fetched your master himself, out of the wilderness, out of madness. What can I say to you? Words fail this king. Except for this one. Darling. You are my darling. What is your heart's desire, that I may grant it.

KAYTAIYA.

Your majesty, for three years my heart's only desire was an impossible one, to look upon your face again. Now I am doing that! And with such joy that, see, I can't keep my tail in one place! But truly, as you ask, my heart now has a second desire. To be with Freckles. May I?

VISALIUS.

Go to him with my blessing.

KAYTAIYA.

My friend. You said my name and I am my true self again. I want to be with you, always. Say my name again if you want to be with me.

FRECKLES.

Kay-tai-ya. Kaytaiya. Kaytaiya. I do want to be with you. Always.

RAVENNA.

Freckles, are you ready to "come inside?"

FRECKLES.

I am.

RAVENNA.

Then you are welcome in! We fly to the capital tomorrow.

KAYTAIYA.

Queen Ravenna, Freckles and I would like to return by train. Joe needs us to stay with him a while longer. And there's a crow I want to see!

LITTLE PLANE.

I want to go by train too!

EORIK.

"Me too!"

RAVENNA.

Then you shall. And Joe's whistle will sound throughout the land, so all may celebrate.

KAYTAIYA.

Oh, that's wonderful. Isn't that wonderful, Joe? [*No reply, shouts name again.*] Joe!

KAYTAIYA and FRECKLES.

Joe!!! [*No response.*]

KAYTAIYA, FRECKLES, LITTLE PLANE, and EORIK.

Joe!!!

JOE.

[*Waking up.*] Huh, what? .... Oh. What'd I miss?

KAYTAIYA.

We'll tell you on the way back.

EORIK.

There we all were. Cete had been defeated. Ravenna was with Visalius. Kaytaiya was with Freckles. Little Plane could fly again, and had a secret name. Joe's will had been restored. I had had my adventure, and been to the Zintauran Mountains too! I helped Little Plane back up on the flatbed car.

LITTLE PLANE.

Eorik, it's just too good to be true. Is all this really happening?

EORIK.

Is this really happening, she asked me.

"Of course it's really happening Little Plane. You couldn't make this up!"

EORIK.

Oh, when the spell  
Comes down on you  
And darkens your trail  
Here's what you must do

Roll back the spell  
Roll it back and then  
Truth will prevail  
And sadness will end

JOE.

If your wheels won't roll  
Just like this old train  
And you're killing your soul  
For to deaden your pain

Roll back the spell  
Roll it back and then  
Truth will prevail  
And sadness will end

LITTLE PLANE.

If you're stuck on the ground  
Just longing to fly  
And your spirit is drowned  
Out by the lie

Roll back the spell  
Roll it back and then  
Truth will prevail  
And sadness will end

KAYTAIYA.

It may take years  
But time is yours  
Nobody said it would be easy

FRECKLES.

If your own secret self  
Is unable to trust  
And you need someone else  
Or you're gonna go bust

Roll back the spell  
Roll it back and then  
Truth will prevail  
And sadness will end

CETE

Beware the fellow  
Casting spells, oh  
He cares not a whit for you

COMPANY

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